THE HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

MONDAY, THE 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2006

W.P.No. 2595 of 2006

Between:-

K. Nishar Ahmed and six others.

--Petitioners

And

The Director of Civil Supplies, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and three others.

--Respondents

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Oral order:-

The petitioners are existing fair price shop dealers of different wards in Kothacheruvu village and mandal, Anantapur district. After due process of consultation and consideration, the District Collector, by the proceedings dated 24-12-2005 issued orders bifurcating the existing shops, creating new shops and distributing the cards allocated to the petitioners amongst the petitioners and the newly created fair price shops. Aggrieved thereby, the petitioners preferred appeal on 10-01-2006 to the 1st respondent along with an application seeking stay of the proceedings dated 24-12-2005 of the District Collector. The petitioners' grievance is that neither the appeal nor their application for interim relief have yet been considered by the 1st respondent.

In view of the circumstances stated and after hearing the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies, the writ petition is disposed of directing the 1st respondent to consider and dispose of either the appeal preferred by the petitioners on 10-01-2006 or at any rate the application for interim relief, expeditiously and in any event within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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GODA RAGHURAM, J

Date: 13-02-2006

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